

641—85.1(135) Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish the requirements and procedures for local substitute medical decision-making boards. Counties may establish local substitute medical decision-making boards for patients who are incapable of making their own medical care decisions and who have no other surrogate decision maker available. If the patient has designated an individual to have durable power of attorney for health care or has a guardian or has family members who are reasonably available, willing and able to make medical care decisions, the case should not be submitted to the substitute medical decision-making board. If the patient has provided advance directives which cover the proposed care, the case should not be submitted to the board.